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Dillsburg may have another facelift

New Developments: One rejected, one approved

by Mary Lou Bytof

Dillsburg may undergo another facelift within the next two years, according to borough council.

Last Tuesday, the council appointed a sidewalk committee to scout the town and to report the need for any sidewalk repairs or new installations.

The committee, according to the council, is to follow the second phase of a sidewalk plan that was initiated in 1986. It is required to submit a report of recommendations to the council on April 30. This will allow the council members to study the report before they meet with the sidewalk committees at the council's May work session.

The following volunteers-all from Chestnut Street-were approved by the council to serve on the sidewalk committee: Jim Burgess, chairman; Mr. Schuman, Francis Michael, and David Hipp. The sidewalk committee will serve under the council's streets and alleys committee, which is chaired by John Livingston.

At its January meeting, the council said Chestnut Street residents living along the proposed reconstruction project could opt to install their sidewalks and curbing according to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) specifications.

Residents wishing to hire their own contractor must do so by March 20, the council announced last Tuesday.

The PennDOT project will be completed in phases. Council President John Creavy said, PennDOT will not install sidewalks and curbing until 1991, he said. Work on the road itself cannot commence this year because of a snafu with the public utilities, Creavy explained. GTE has lines under the street, he said.

Florence Diven of 106 S. Chestnut St., told the council she was unable to get a decision from PennDOT about replacing a wall in front of her home. PennDOT will remove the wall during the project, she said.

Diven said a car recently hit a pole at the end of her wall. "If he hadn't hit the pole, and the wall wasn't there, he would have been right up on my porch," she said. In addition to new sidewalks, the town soon may have a new development of townhouses and a strip center which will include a grocery store.

The council approved the tentative plan for Winfield located off South Baltimore and South Second Streets near the water tower.

According to Vernon Sealover of the Sealover Group in Camp Hill, the development will consist of 137 units-most of them one-story, two-bedroom units designed to appeal to the growing market of retired individuals and to empty nesters. The units will sell in the range of \$79,000 to \$99,000, the developer said.

The commercial strip will cover a seven-acre area, Sealover added.

The council rejected another plan for a townhouse development on the recommendation of the borough planning commission.

Celebrity Heights was to be located on the former Dobrinski Tract between Harrisburg Pike and Chevy Terrace. The plan included 24 townhouses.

Celebrity Heights was rejected for the following reasons:

-It did not provide sufficient common open space, according to borough ordinances.

-It did not provide for adequate traffic control and safety.

-It was determined that the development would have an adverse affect on the neighborhood since its density would be much greater than its surrounding.

The council also rejected a motion by Councilman Livingston to sweep the streets as soon as possible. The ash is very heavy on the streets now, he argued. Waiting can cause the debris to wash into the storm drain and block it. Borough Manager J. Chadwick Wagner added.

Livingston estimated three days of sweeping to cost \$2,000. The budget has earmarked \$3,000 for one street sweeping. "Every meeting, we're putting something in the budget that isn't here," Councilman Darwin Moyer said of this request for an extra street sweeping.

"What if we sweep next week and get lots of snow in early March?" Councilman Rich Baker argued.

In another decision concerning the borough streets, the council approved the retention of R.S. Engineering Associates to prepare plans to improve the intersection of South Street and Gettysburg Streets (Jones' Newsstand).

In other business, the council approved a one-year contract to J.L. Howard to collect, remove, and deliver trash to the York County Incinerator. Residents will pay 90 cents per large garbage bag, and 70 cents for small bags. The bags are sold at a number of local businesses.

The council also authorized the borough manager to investigate funding for building a reservoir cover and liner.

In personnel matters, the council accepted the resignations of Ann Sabol, a part-time clerk in the borough office; and Gerald R. Wisner, a member of the Zoning Hearing Board.

Don Steele, president of the Dillsburg Jaycees, told the borough council that the community organization is sponsoring a circus to benefit New Hope Ministries on Tuesday, May 22. Steele asked the borough for its support in such matters as traffic and crowd control, as well as for providing approximately 50 gallons of water to 60 animals.

Koser-Hertweck announce engagement

C. Jack and Grace A. Koser of Dillsburg have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cindy L. Koser, to Peter George Hertweck, son of Astrid J. Hertweck of Dillsburg and the late George C. Hertweck.

Ms. Koser, a graduate of Northern High School, is employed by Myers Food Rite, Dillsburg.

Her fiancé graduated from Northern High School and Harrisburg Area Community College. He is an engineer technician at Macomber Associates, Inc., Camp Hill.

They plan a September 8th wedding in Wesley United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg.



Photo by David March

Too many deer - Gettysburg National Park Authorities are faced with the problem of getting rid of some 1,000 plus deer from the battlefield.

Bob Davidson, a management assistant at the park said that 1200 deer inhabit the park and that 70-80 deer would be the ideal size herd.

Davidson said the deer are stifling regeneration of the woodlands. "Their eating sprouts, thus preventing new growth of trees," he said.

An Act of Congress prohibits public hunting and to live-trap the deer would cost \$300 - \$400 per animal. Live-trapping and re-location would cost over \$400,000.

Davidson said an option could be to have rangers and deputized individuals thin the herd. The meat would then go to zoos to feed the big cats.

Nearly 100 deer are hit by cars annually on the battlefield.

Ashcombe blooms again!

By Mary Lou Bytof

At Ashcombe Farm and Greenhouses, business is blooming again.

Beginning Saturday, March 3, an open house of the new facilities will be held every weekend this month. Featured events will include free demonstrations, lectures, refreshments, and samples of various retail products.

Just nine months ago, a fire ravaged the former main sales building, several greenhouses, and a storage building. More than 20 fire companies fought the May 22 blaze, which was sparked by fireworks landing on a plastic roof.

The new sales building, an impressive-looking grey barn with red trim, blends well with the surrounding countryside. Its rustic, open interior furnishes a homey atmosphere for the displays of dried flowers, woven baskets, antiques, foods, and crafts.

"The new building was well-planned," according to Rebecca Messner, director of advertising at Ashcombe. The former retail complex had grown piece by piece as the business expanded over a 25-year period.

Not only is the new structure well-designed, but it also has more fire safety features, Messner said. The plastic roofing in the greenhouse area is more fire resistant than that which was used in the former structure, she explained.

Since owners Glenn and Mary Gross opened at 16x32 produce stand along Grantham Road approximately 28 years ago, Ashcombe became a local landmark. In this modest produce stand, Gross said he could sell between 700 and 800 cans of corn on a Saturday, according to the August 6, 1987 issue of *The York Dispatch*.

The *Dispatch* article traced the history of Ashcombe from 1957, when it was a 25-acre wholesale vegetable farm, through 1987, when it expanded to include 78 acres of fields and half an acre of sales space.

Today, the Ashcombe farm covers 90 acres, Messner said. "We are one of the largest greenhouses in Pennsylvania," she added.

It was the loyal Ashcombe customers that promoted the expansion, Messner said. In the early 1970's, the owners frequently made additions to the vegetable stand. Customers began to request tomato and other plants for gardening.

In 1975, Ashcombe started selling houseplants and opened its doors year-round. Crafts, dried flowers, gift items and gourmet foods were also added at the customers' requests.

After the devastating fire, Ashcombe customers continued to show their loyalty, Messner said. Although the staff was reduced, the business continued to operate on a smaller scale, beginning on the day after the fire. Tents were set up in the parking lot to accommodate customers during the busiest season-spring planting time.

"Customers have asked if we'll be carrying the same things as we did before the fire," Messner said. Ashcombe is selling the same type of merchandise, as well as some additional items, she added.

In the garden department, Ashcombe sells over 500 varieties of perennials, 400 varieties of annuals, and over 130 varieties of herbs, she said.

Water gardening, which is very popular in Europe, is now

being introduced in the United States. Ashcombe carries an entire line of products for aquatic gardening, Messner said.

For those who do not like to get dirty or wet growing their own food, Ashcombe has a varied assortment of gourmet foods neatly arranged on old-fashioned cupboards. There are preserves from the Groff

Farm in Mt. Joy; an array of flavored pasta including lobster, chocolate and garlic; and fruit-flavored milk coolers.

Antiques placed throughout the store, along with dried flowers hanging from the ceiling beams, add to the country flavor.

Ashcombe is located on Grantham Road at Williams Grove, Mechanicsburg.

Youth wrestling news

Results of East Pennsboro Youth Wrestling Tournament

What do you get if you take seventy-five to eighty young wrestlers, add boundless energy, enthusiasm, and dedication and combine them with knowledgeable, hardworking (and I must add patient!) volunteer coaches? The answer is The Northern Polar Bear Youth Wrestling Program.

This program is designed for area youth, ages six through twelve, ranging in wrestling experience from the brand new beginner to those with several years of experience. Under the watchful eyes of head coaches Tom Renard and Stan Stambaugh, the group meets every Monday and Wednesday evening at the Dillsburg Elementary School gym. At each session the coaches and their assistants incorporate a lot of fun into the process of teaching fundamental wrestling technique and strategy. Coach Stambaugh points out that the very encouraging large turnout of interested youngsters has enabled the team to utilize both sides of the gymnasium. While one side is devoted to the beginners, the other half is used by the team members with prior experience.

This way each wrestler can receive instruction geared as closely as possible to his needs. The young Bears are well into their season of practice, scrimmages, and tournaments. On any given Saturday, on a strictly voluntary basis, many of the wrestlers can be found with their coaches at tournament sites.

The most recent of these events was The East Pennsboro Youth Wrestling Tournament in Enola. There can be no doubt that the team from Northern likes to wrestle (and evidently pays attention at practice) because, in addition to each boy handling himself in a very sportsmanlike manner, they hauled home a truckload of trophies!

The tournament was divided into four divisions, Bantam-ages 8 and under, Junior-ages 10 and under, Intermediate-ages 12 and under, and Advanced-age 14 and under. Congratulations to all the wrestlers and coaches from Northern for an excellent effort!

Trophy winners were as follows:

Bantam Division-Brady Minnich, 3rd place; Dave Renard, 1st place; Chris Terris, 1st place.

Junior Division-Billy Eichelberger, 1st place; Dave Fesler, 3rd place; Mike Fry, 3rd place; Mike Miller, 4th place; Brad Perva, 2nd place; Dan Pietropola, 4th place; Ryan Ritchie, 1st place; Nate Sheaffer, 3rd place; Andy Westhafer, 2nd place.

Intermediate Division-Josh Kunkle, 3rd place; Ohraut Kounlavong, 2nd place; Corby Rudisill, 2nd place; Jeff Westhafer, 3rd place; Jared Rudy, 2nd place; Jeremy Lush, 1st place.

Advanced Division-Apple Kounlavong, 3rd place; Steve Johnson-3rd place; Dennis O'Brien, 4th place.